

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

“CALLED MEETING”

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2006

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CHAIRMAN:	MARION WRIGHT
VICE CHAIR:	JEAN WALLACE MCLEAN
INTERIM ADMINISTRATORS:	MILES HADLEY CARY MCSWAIN
COUNTY ATTORNEY:	DONNIE MCDONALD
COUNCIL:	
JEAN MCLEAN, MICKEY ROGERS, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, EDMOND BLUE, AND	JEFF QUICK, CORRIE H. PLATO, KEN ALLEN, MARION WRIGHT

\* ABSENT

INVOCATION - Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 617 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF (DATE TO BE DETERMINED) BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MUSASHI SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES – SECOND READING.

**Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers, approving the second reading of Ordinance # 617 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement dated as of (date to be determined) by and between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Musashi South Carolina, Inc. providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes. Vote in favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Ms. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Ken Allen, Ms. Jean McLean, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Marion Wright. Opposed: Dr. Carolyn Vote: 7/1. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 11-06-03 – A RESOLUTION SETTING THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR FOR TAX YEAR 2006-2007.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving Resolution # 11-06-03 – A Resolution setting the local option sales tax credit factor for tax year 2006-2007. Vote in Favor: Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

REQUEST PERMISSION TO TRANSFER \$10,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION BUDGET FOR EQUIPMENT WARRANTY SUPPORT

Mr. Miles Hadley, Interim Administrator advised that the County was initially told the machines for the Election Commission would be provided at no cost. Later the County was advised the warranty support is required by the state in order for the County to continue using the machines. The expense was not budgeted for the present calendar year and will be a reoccurring expense every year.

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince approving the request for permission to transfer \$10,000 from contingency to the Election Commission budget for equipment warranty support. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL FUNDING

Mr. Miles Hadley, Interim Administrator advised Council of a meeting held several weeks previous concerning the new library project. It was brought to his attention that Northeastern Technical College would not be able to obtain their portion of the funds through EDA funds unless Marlboro County had some funds for the project on hand. A letter was previously distributed to Council from Mr. Harry Easterling outlining the funds and commitments he had obtained to-date.

Mr. Hadley discussed several pending projects for Marlboro County: the Marian Wright Edelman Library, a new Sheriff's Department, County Administration Building, and renovations to the Courthouse. Mr. Hadley recommended issuing four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in general obligation bonds to help fund the various pending projects. He said the funds from the bond could start the projects such as the library and be replaced as donations come in. The bond money would then be applied to the other projects. He advised there is enough debt service to handle the current year with a couple of additional mills added next year.

Mr. Hadley advised the costs for the projects total approximately fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000). Mr. Hadley advised he believed the county would collect all of the funds required to build the new library with the exception of the \$500,000 commitment from the county. He stated Marlboro County could hopefully pay off the bond within twenty-thirty years.

Mr. Hadley requested Council to approve a voice resolution for approval of the bond for four million dollars (\$4,000,000) and to be ready to start the library project after the ground breaking.

Dr. Carolyn Prince questioned if the bond would be paid off as we received the funds back through donations. It was explained that as the donations and grant funds come in for the new library, the bond funds would be transferred to the next project.

**Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince approving by voice resolution a four million dollar (\$4,000,000) bond to be used to start the Marian Wright Edelman Library, new Sheriff's Office, new Administration Building, and Court House renovations. The funds will be replaced by donations and grants as they are received. Vote in Favor: Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

#### ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

#### MARLBORO COUNTY ENTRANCE BEAUTIFICATION BIDS

Bids were received from: Taylor Garden & Gift Shop, Florence - \$20,214.00, Leggett Professional Tree Services, Georgetown - \$22,975. A bid was received after the deadline and not opened from Clean Cut Lawn LLC, Columbia.

Mr. Miles Hadley explained the grant total was for \$8000. He had spoken with the low bidder, Mr. Tommy Taylor and Mr. Taylor had agreed to work with Marlboro County to cut his bid down to \$10,000. Marlboro County has a \$2,000 grant match. Mr. Hadley recommended awarding the bid to Taylor Garden & Gift Shop up to \$10,000.

**Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen awarding the bid for the Entrance Beautification project to Taylor Garden & Gift Shop up to \$10,000. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

#### PANIC DOORS FOR COURT HOUSE

Bids were received from: Allstate Glass, Laurinburg - \$6,428.15 and Technology Solutions, North Charleston - \$16,892.82.

Mr. Miles Hadley recommended awarding the bid to Allstate Glass in the amount of \$6,428.15.

**Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean awarding the bid for the Panic Doors for the Court House to Allstate Glass in the amount of \$6,428.15. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

## REPORTS

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman advised he had been contacted by Wachovia Bank of Charleston concerning the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth McNeil whose time limit on the Whipple Foundation Board is up. Mr. Wright advised he had contacted Ms. McNeil and she is willing to go back on the board if Council is agreeable.

**Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean approving the reappointment of Ms. Elizabeth McNeil to the Whipple Foundation. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

### ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – MILES HADLEY, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**Christmas Bonus Checks** – advised the Christmas Bonus's were approved in the budget for \$100 for full-time employees and \$50 for part-time employees. Requested permission to distribute to employees – All Council members were in agreement.

**Website** – received a proposal from the State Budget and Control Board for free service – will need to send Ms. Susan Rivers and others to Columbia for training on how to enter data on the website. Requested that Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney look over the information and advise.

**Plaza Roof** – the work on the roof is finished. However, still waiting to hear from the Company that damaged the power lines with a cost of \$9000. Hopefully their insurance will cover the damage – Marlboro County is responsible for their maintenance for three years.

Dr. Carolyn Prince questioned the plaza building agreement – she did not remember agreeing to providing maintenance for the building after conveyance. Ms. Rivers, Clerk advised she would check back in the minutes and the agreement and send all information concerning the Plaza Building to Council.

**Sheriff's Building** – met with Mr. Jim Stewart who is designing a building for the Sheriff. He is working on another design with a reduction of thirty percent (30%) from the last design presented. The Sheriff is looking for a possible site and will come back to Council with a recommendation.

**Waste Management** – met with Mr. Ken Crutchfield. They are looking at a center in North Carolina – if they do it – will not do the transfer station in Marlboro County. They are not getting enough tonnage with the type service we have to make it profitable. They will know more in March and will keep us posted.

**Zoning/Code Enforcement in McColl** – the Town of McColl has made the decision to terminate their agreement with Marlboro County for Zoning/Code Enforcement in McColl.

**Recreation** – the nine and ten year old All Stars won enough games to go to the State playoffs.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS' REQUEST TO SPEAK

**Ms. Patricia Henegan** - addressed Council on behalf of the proposed new library. She advised the project is on track with a great group of people working on it. Ms. Henegan said she knew Mr. Marion Wright was going off of County Council, however, she requested that he be allowed to continue to work on the library project preferably as Chair until complete. She advised the Kickoff campaign is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Skye.

Representative Douglas Jennings – addressed Council concerning the new library. He stated that he felt a real energy going on the project. He asked Council to consider having Mr. Wright to stay on as Chair of the project – this is a key ingredient in keeping the project going. He stated that a change would set the project back. He said that the first event in Marlboro County is appropriate; however, donations are being sought worldwide.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

No Comments were made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER, LEGAL ISSUE AND INDUSTRIAL MATTER.

**Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, legal issue, and industrial matter. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

**Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to leave Executive Session and reenter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

**Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to add an Economic Development Item to the Agenda.**

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick authorizing using up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in railroad funds to provide infrastructure for a pending industrial project. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Marion Wright, Chair presented plaques of appreciation to both Mr. Miles Hadley and Mr. Cary McSwain, who served as Interim Administrators for Marlboro County. Mr. Cecil Kimrey who would begin his duties on December 4, 2006 was also in attendance. Council members wished Mr. Hadley and Mr. McSwain well.

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ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

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MARION WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN  
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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SUSAN E. RIVERS, CLERK  
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Adopted: December 14, 2006